

At page 5, replace paragraph 3 with the following:

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Fig. 3. Alignment of the Arabidopsis thaliana MLH1 homolog and the human PMS2 proteins (SEQ ID NO: 9 and 11, respectively).

At page 5, replace paragraph 4 with the following:

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Fig. 4. Alignment of the Arabidopsis thaliana PMS1 homolog and the human PMS2 proteins (SEQ ID NO: 10 and 11, respectively).

At page 5, replace paragraph 6 with the following:

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Fig. 6. Alignment of the Arabidopsis thaliana PMS134 and the human PMS134 Cdna (SEQ ID NO: 6 and 5, respectively).

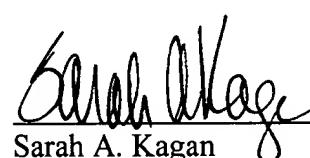
At page 5, replace paragraph 7 with the following:

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Fig. 7. Alignment of the Arabidopsis thaliana PMS134 and the human PMS134 polypeptides (SEQ ID NO: 14 and 13, respectively).

#### Remarks

Applicants submit herewith a CRF of the Sequence Listing filed as part of the original application. The content of the paper and CRF versions are believed to be identical.

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